MEMORANDUM

TO: Bankruptcy Lawyers

FROM: Mike Sturm

SUBJECT: New Streamlined §362 Procedures

DATE: November 23, 2004



This is simply to give you a HEADS UP on a new, easy procedure for dealing with the vast majority of the motions which are filed seeking relief from the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. §362.

Until further notice, when a §362 motion is filed this office will immediately send out a notice of the filing and give the interested parties 15 days within which to object to the relief sought. If there is no objection, an order will entered granting the relief (modifying the stay, lifting the stay, conditioning the stay ...). If an objection IS filed, the matter will be set for a telephone conference or a hearing.

This abbreviated procedure will only apply to *Chapter 7* cases; stay relief motions filed in *Chapter 11* and *Chapter 13* cases will be handled as they are now - immediately set for a telephonic conference.

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